Gujarat to give the Ahmedabad International Airport the new name as "Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport" ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Request was received from the State Government of Gujarat for renaming the Ahmedabad airport as "Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Airport".

As per the existing policy, domestic airports are named after the city/town they cater to. There is no proposal to change this policy.

Proposal lor the Development of Tourist Complex in Orissa

1921. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has submitted a proposal for the development of a tourist complex around Konark temple ;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) the present status of the proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Proposal to Establish Civil Aerodrome/Air port at Bhuj in Gujarat

1922. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether there is a proposal to establish a separate civil Aerodrome other than Air Force Air-base station at Bhuj in Gujarat;

(b) if so, what is the present status of Bhuj civil Aerodrome runways, Air traffic control and terminal Building ;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to Air Force Base Aircraft, passengers of Indian Airlines are facing a number of routine problems ;

(d) whether regional Executive Director of National Airports Authority of India. Bombay region, has submitted any report to Ministry in this regard, and

(e) what action has been taken so far by Government to provide civil base Airport at Bhuj ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The Bhuj airport belongs to Air Force. The National Airports Authority (NAA) is maintaining a small shed as departure &old area. With a view to augmenting passenger facilities, the NAA has plans to construct a terminal building. The Ministry of Defence has been requested to release 8.9 acres of land for this purpose.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Setting up of Flying and Giihding Clubs in the Country

1923, SHRI SANTOSH KUMAB SAHU : Will the .Minister of CIVIL AVIA TION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) the names of the States where Fly ing and Gliding Clubs and flying school have been set-up or are proposed to be set up;

(b) the central Assistance given for set ting up of the Flying Schools and the num ber of commercial pilots trained by th existing schools; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to b taken to develop aero spores in the countr and to set-up a flying schbbl in Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATIOJ AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NAI AZAD): (a) The requisite information given in the statement (See below). !

(b) During the period from 1-4-90 31-3-93, Government have released the Rs. 426.59 lakhs towards operation of H; ing Clubs/Schools in the country, As c

30-11-93, 2403 persons have been trained as commercial pilots by the Flying Clubs/ Schools.

(c) For development of Aerosports, Government has sanctioned grants-in-aid of Rs. *448* lakhs to the Aero Club of India, which is an apex body of flying and glind-ing clubs and other aerosports organisations in the country.

i Out of Rs. 448 lakhs, Rs. 415.70 lakh has been released to the Aero Club of India.

There is already a State Government managed flying school, namely, Government Aviation Training Institute, Bhubaneshwar, in Orissa. At present, there is no proposal to set up another flying school in Orissa.

Statement

(a} Following are the States in which Flying Club^/Schooh have already been set up :

Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Kerala, Karnataka, Maharas-tra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Andaman & Nicobar islands (Union Territory).

(b) '.Folfowiings are the States in which Glinding Clubs have already been set-up :

Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Maharastra, Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

(a) Following are the States in which Flying Trairing Academies/Schoois/Instiruties arc pro-posed to be set-up :

Gujarat, Karnatka, Maharastra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh. (d)

There is no proposal at prescrt. to set up any more Glindins Club in the country.

Setting up of Travel Agencies in the Country

1924 SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of CIVII. AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to encourage Travel Agents/Tour Operators at National Level and State level for promotion of tourism and for foreign exchange earnings ;

(b) if so, the details in this regard ;

(c) whether Government also issue licen-ces/permission for setting up of Travel Agency in the States ; and

td) if so, the number of such agencies, State-wise, functioning as on the 31st December, 1992 ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The Department of Tourism has a purely voluntary scheme for grant of recognition of Travel Agents and Tour Operators all over the country. With a view to promote tourism and encourage ' foreign exchange earnings various incentives and concessions are given to such recognised agencies. They include tax reliefs, concessional import duty on specified items and financial assistance for development of international tourism.

(d) The number of recognised Travel Agencies/Tour Operators, State-wise, as on 31-12-1992 is : Andhra Pradesh : 5 ; Assam: 1 : Bihar : 2 ; Delhi: 138 ; Goa : 2 ; Gujarat : 5 ; Kerala : 7 ; Maharashtra: 56 ; M P.: 1 ; Orissa : 1 ; Pondicherry : 2 ; Rajasthan : 2 ; Tamil Nadu : 19 ; Uttar Pradesh : 3 ; West Bengal: 18 ; J & K: 13 ; Karnataka : 17 and Chandigarh (UT) : 1.

Schemes for the Development of Buddhist Centres

1925. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Buddhist centres are proposed to be developed with external aid ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the centres in Andhra Pradesh which are included under the Schemes ?